

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Lake Chapter

Date: Nov 5th, 2022

Location: Madigans, Maple Lake, MN

<b>President:</b>	Keith "Smoker" Efron	<u>X</u>	<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Blythe Bucher	<u>X</u>
<b>Vice President:</b>	Rick Van Horn	<u> </u>		Nikki Arne	<u>X</u>
<b>Chapter Rep:</b>	Scott Trout	<u>X</u>		Gaida Trout	<u>X</u>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Maureen O'Hern	<u>X</u>		Karen May	<u>X</u>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Dale Morin	<u>X</u>		April Murch	<u>X</u>
				Mike Jencks	<u>X</u>

**Total numbers of members attending:** 27      **Guests:** 1  
**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mike J.      **Mtg Start Time:** 3:00pm      **Mtg End Time:** 4:30pm

**Welcome to members and guests; President's Remarks; Vice-President's Remarks:** *Smoker welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. There were no new members present, and Karen May's brother Keith May who arrived later was introduced and welcomed.*

### Officer Reports:

**Secretary's report:** Dale Morin – *A summary of the motions passed at the previous meeting was presented.*

• Motion to accept the minutes as written -	Mike J.	2nd	Deb K.	Motion passed.
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**Treasurer's Report:** Maureen O'Hern – [Report presented is on page 3 of this document.](#)

• Motion to accept the Treasurer's report -	Fred P.	2nd	Judy K.	Motion passed.
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**Chapter Rep Report:** Scott T. – *Stephanie is looking for interest in some ABATE U classes such as Gun Carry classes, CPR/First Aid, Road Guard and Rider Training classes. He needs to let her know if the chapter is interested, as she is compiling a list of all chapters' interests. They are also in need of shirt donations for the staff. Tickets are late, and will have to be gotten from Trashy, and Scott needs to know how many we want. We need more suggestions for Bike of the Month, Member of the Month, Business of the Month and Veteran of the Month. He has pledge sheets for the upcoming Bowling for Kids. The South Central Chapter is again doing their Toys for Kids at the Litchfield Eagles club this year. That'll be on the 26th of this month. I think any time after 5:00 o'clock is probably good. It says silent auction starts 6 to 9, and there's DJ from 8 to 12. So I would imagine any time after five, you can show up. Bring a donation. Bring a toy. It's a pretty good time. We were there last year.*

### Committee Reports, Vice President:

**Membership:** Dale Morin – *(from Shelly's RN report-State Singles are at 1400 and Couples are at 1626 for a total of 3026. Again, down another 62!*

*Tied for 1st are Sand Dunes, South East LC, and Way West all with an increase of +8!  
 2nd place, another tie going to Heart of the Lakes and Flatlanders with an increase of +7.)*

*Lake numbers are 65 couples and 99 singles totaling 229. Last month's total was 254. New September members listed as Pamela Anderson, Keith Coe and Curt & Barb Valen. Scott B has more tri-folds available.*

**Products:** Gaida Trout – *I really don't have anything to report, but I do appreciate all the purchases that everybody's been making to support the chapter. The glasses have been a huge hit. And I do have more glasses now. And there's more Proud to be an American, Lake Chapter Bumper stickers too.*

**Special Events:** Rick Van Horn – *The request for Mitch to take care of Grounded Hogs insurance, liquor license and check for the remaining hall rental has been settled. Scott T. has the advanced tickets available. The Mike J. is going to check with Mike Berger for artwork for the flyer, which needs to be completed by the beginning of December.*

**Training and Education:** Sherry Edgett – *No Report*

**Public Relations:** Mitch Backlund- *She has more pledge sheets and flyers available for Bowling for Kids benefiting Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Minnesota. Sand Dunes will be joining us again this year. See Mitch for a link for those who want to donate online. She could use some more pictures for the calendar, by the next meeting. Bike shows for True Friends will be happening again next year. It has been voiced by some members, the preference to wait to present Dan's True Friends donation until the bike show next year.*

• Motion to present Dan's donation at the next True Friends bike show -	Fred P.	2nd	Mike J.	Motion passed.
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**Buddy Bears:** Myra Van Horn – **Myra would like someone to take over this role.** *The Chapter discussed the desire to distribute a greater number of Buddy Bears than we have traditionally done in the past.*

• Motion to spend \$500 of our gambling funds on Buddy Bears -	Todd R.	2nd	Karen M.	Motion passed.
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• Motion to accept the Committee reports -	Scott B.	2nd	Lee P.	Motion passed.
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### Other Reports, President:

**MRF Report:** Todd Riba- *MRF just had a very successful Meeting of the Minds in Des Moines, IA. We had 620 new members, the most we've ever had. We're financially sound, and doing awesome. There were 30 states present so that's great representation. Just some of the highlights. New Hampshire passed a profiling bill. Arizona passed a lane filtering bill. Virginia defeated the decibel bill. And Colorado passed the definition of a motorcycle bill. So in Colorado, the three wheel slingshot things will no longer be classified as a motorcycle. So the MRF has been working with states on these issues, and it's a big priority and we're working together getting them passed at the Federal and State level. I think most of you know who Jazz is. He was State Coordinator way back when, retired president of Sons of Silence. He was awarded lifetime achievement award by the MRF. So that was great. It was a great honor for him. And on a side note, when you get an opportunity to buy those ashtray shots, like at ABATE U or Heartland Steam, that funded Jazz's trip to Iowa, room and all that stuff. So just a good use of some of the ashtray money. Some upcoming MRF events, Heartland Steam is in Bismarck April 21 through 22nd. Bikers Inside the Beltway is May 15th through the 16th, and Meeting of the Minds is in Pennsylvania September 21st through the 24th. I want to just swing back quickly to bikers inside the beltway. I think most of you know the history that we have with Congressman Tom Emmer way back to the state representative time. We helped him and he helped us, so a great relationship. I think it would be really cool if we could get some new Emmer constituent faces out there. He's a great ally.*

**Dial-A-Ride:** Scott Trout- *Dial-A-Ride is over for the season as some of you may or may not know. So let's talk about next season. I would love to have at least two members who are willing to throw their hat in the ring and donate one weekend of next writing season to be available to go out and help save some lives. We didn't have anybody through this year. But I need two people, at least two people, who are willing to be available one weekend of next season. I know, 111 people made it home safe.*

**Government Relations/Legislative Report:** Mack Backlund- *Get out there and vote and know who you're voting for. With retirements and redistricting, et cetera, and the people retiring or not choosing to run against one of their party members in the same district, that's going to be almost 38% new legislators at the Minnesota State Act. I've been watching it forever since I was 17 years old. I haven't seen that level of turnover. So another stat that said, those 38% of people that left, walked out of that job for one reason or another, represents over 500 years of legislative experience. And there's some people that say they shouldn't be in there that long, but those are the people that know how to get things done. And ABATE of Minnesota has used that experience many times over the years. Knowing who to talk to, walking in with a handshake or a nod of the head. It's done. You don't have to worry about it anymore. So now, 38% of those people aren't going to be able to do that for us as quickly. They got to learn. There's going to be some on the job training there that, frankly, we'll have to teach them a little bit how to do that. And so the other important date we have is Bikerday at the Capitol. We have a date now. It's February 1st, 2023. Wednesday, which has always worked well for us, and we need a huge show on that. All those people that have only been there a couple years, or a few years, or haven't been there at all, this 38% I'm talking about, need to see a lot of black leather and ABATE T shirts in that rotunda. So you need to do everything you can to get you and your friends and your family. Get them out to Bikerday, and register. And we'll have the registration up as soon as the district directors get back to us with the bus schedules. So all that stuff's coming up. And if any of you with kids or grandkids, this is a civic education. You can bring your kid or grandkid to Bikerday, and get out of school with a excused absence, and will be a wonderful experience. If there's any questions about that, just send me a text or email, or give me a phone call, and I'll find out.*

• Motion to contribute \$500 to Bikerday at the State Capitol	Mitch B.	2nd	Todd R.	Motion passed.
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**MN Motorcycle Safety Task Force:** [Smoker read a report provided by Jon Fernholz, found on page 3 of this document.](#)

**State Rally:** Keith "Smoker" Efron- *I apologize. The numbers that I was given at the end of the rally were inaccurate. So the accurate numbers are we had 666 people through the gate. We're down probably a good 400 people from the previous year. You know, I still had fun. I thought the entertainment was great. It was nice seeing a majority of the people that I normally see. You know, there were a lot of things that were down. We made \$16,000, which is nothing to sneeze at for three days. Attendance was down, sponsorship was down. Morale wasn't down. Everyone seemed to have fun. So I'm hoping that the economy will turn around, and it'll rebound. There's a meeting coming up here mid-November. Hopefully I'll be working with somebody on a budget, and hopefully I was informed that the ban on National Acts was only for this year. I will be chatting with our new marketing person who has some interesting ideas, on how to attract and pay for National Acts. I've asked the district directors to again bring me 3 bands from their areas. So that's worked out well in the past, and we're going to continue that. Todd asked what our attendance last year was, to which Smoker responded that we were just below 1000. Prior to that, I think we were very close to 1100. I do want to say that of the 666 people that that showed up 180 of them were promotional tickets. So the next Rally meeting is November 19th at noon, Litchfield VFW. So again, I want to thank all the Lake Chapter members that showed up. I want to thank all the Lake Chapter members who helped get the rally up and going, and all the Lake Chapter members who spent the time to get the sponsorships that we did.*

**Drawing of the Name** Karen May- *Karen's brother Keith picked the number 15, which was April M. winning her a Lake Chapter Products coupon.*

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Member of the Year nominations

Gaida Trout nominated by Nikki A.
Dale Morin nominated by Karen M.
Myra VanHorn nominated by Dave T.

SIK award voting- *Smoker received a single nomination. So we didn't need to vote. So we will be contacting that member and seeing if we can convince them to show up to the December meeting, where we can give them their award.*

The Chapter determined that they would like Mitch to have 25 Chapter calendars made.

The hat was passed for donations to Toys for Tots which resulted in another \$126 worth of contributions.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> - South Central Toys for Kids, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 6:00 pm
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chapter meeting, Dave's Town Club, Delano MN, 3:00pm
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Presentation of our Toys for Tots donation, KARE 11, 6:00pm tentatively.
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> - Chapter meeting, Red Vest, Rockford MN, 3:00pm
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Bowling For Kids, McPete's, Big Lake MN, 12:00-2:00pm
- Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - Bikerday at the State Capitol
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - Chapter meeting, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo MN, 3:00pm
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - Grounded Hogs fundraiser
- March 4<sup>th</sup> - Chapter meeting, Red Lodge, Waverly MN, 3:00pm

**Smoker-***If we have people who are willing to step up as officers for the new year, think about it. It's fun. It's easy. You know, hour a month, little bit of time here and there. So if you want to step up, cool. I unfortunately don't plan on it.*

**Open Discussion:**

Stricken from record and/or publication

• Motion to adjourn -	Lee P	2nd	Mike J.	Motion Passed
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<b>Treasurer's Report - October 2022</b>		
For the Month ending October 31st, 2022		
Presented at the Nov 5th, 2022 Meeting at Madigan's in Maple Lake, 3pm		
Started October with		\$ 3,666.29
<b>Income:</b>		
	Sept Product Sales	\$ 82.00
	Sept Memberships	\$ 71.00
	Cash = Dan Arne Memorial patch donations	\$ 500.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 653.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
	Contribution - MRF	\$ 300.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
October Ending Balance		\$ 4,019.29
<b>Earmarks:</b>		
	Intermediate & Advanced Rider courses - 2023	\$ 800.00
	2 ads* promoting the 2023 MC training courses *State may pay this	\$ 70.00
	1/4 page ad in the RN to promote the rider training classes-	\$ 35.00
	MRF Sustaining Membership	\$ 100.00
	Reimburse Chapter Rep Hotel Rm @ BOD (2 of 3 per year)	\$ -
	2023 Grounded Hogs related expenses estimate	\$ 1,480.03
	Print 100 2023 Grounded Hogs Party tickets	\$ -
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,485.03</b>
Petty Cash:		\$ 50.00
MRF Donation Fund:		\$ -
Chapter Gambling Fund:	*Donate \$500 to Toys for Tots - Date TBD	\$ 1,267.81
Food Shelf Fund:		\$ -
Toys for Tots Fund:		\$ 150.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$ 5,487.10</b>
	Spendable	\$ 1,534.26

#### MSATF Report 10-15-2022

The task force met again since my last report. During the meeting, we discussed formulating a Motorcycle Safety Month proclamation from the task force for next May. We all voted in favor of making our own proclamation. A sub-committee of sorts was created to come up with a draft for the task force members to review. I, along with some other members, volunteered to be on this committee.

We also discussed mandatory attendance requirements for task force members. With the pandemic fading away, Jay Bock would like to see more in-person participation from the members. Of the 6 meetings per calendar year, 4 meetings will be in-person with a virtual option, 2 meetings will be virtual only (winter months), and every member shall be required to attend 1 of those meetings in-person. As most of us experienced during the pandemic, there is a group dynamic that is lost in the cloud of virtual meetings. It's time we got that back.

Next, we discussed the current motorcycle crash fatality statistics. Currently there are 78 fatalities as opposed to the 67 in 2021. If you are interested in a copy of the latest report, contact me at [MNMSATF@abatemn.org](mailto:MNMSATF@abatemn.org) or call me.

The FY 2023 Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center budget was discussed further during the meeting. As I reported previously, we are looking at approximately \$300,000 of additional funding. With this increase of funds, the MMSC is hoping to add/replace 12 motorcycles to the BRC fleet and hire more rider coaches. What may end up being a struggle, is the availability of motorcycles to purchase and the labor to provide the training. Everybody can find toilet paper now, but as we all know, supply chain issues and labor shortages are creating problems for a variety of things, including rider training.

Lastly, the task force was given a run down on this year's rider training season. As I've written about before, the main thing holding back training is the availability, or lack thereof, of rider coaches. 7 new coaches were hired and trained this year. The budget is proposing for the hiring of 25 more next year. If you are interested in exploring this, please contact me and I will get you pointed in the right direction. The next task force meeting will be on November 17th 5pm-7pm virtually via Microsoft Teams.

-Jon Fernholz

**Motorcycle PAC of MN Report for the October 2022 BOD Meeting**

This report covers July 1, 2022, thru September 30, 2022, the third quarter. This quarter the PAC received \$3,266 in contributions. \$1,966 was from the 2022 second quarter ABATE memberships renewal PAC contributions. Thank you to everyone that renewed their membership and at the same time contributed to the PAC.

- Additionally, PAC received significant contributions from Freedom First Chapter's fundraising activities. Freedom First Riders Chapter raised \$1,300 for the PAC in the third quarter. A special THANKS, and many thanks to the Freedom First Riders Chapter and the individuals that helped make it so.

- Contributions were made during the third quarter at the Federal level of \$1,000 each to several of our key supporters on our issues, and that are committed to protecting our rights and personal freedoms in Congress:

Brad Finstad (First Congressional District), Pete Stauber (Eighth Congressional District), and Tom Emmer (Sixth Congressional District).

-PAC also made contributions at the State level of \$1,000 each to the House Republican Campaign Committee, and the MN Senate Victory Fund, with the direction that the funds go to helping candidates that support our issues and will work to protect our personal freedoms. PAC additionally contributed \$1,000 to Scott Jensen for Governor.

- PAC had no additional expenses the third quarter outside of contributions.

- The PAC balance at the end of the 3rd quarter (September 30) was \$663. PAC funds are still looking kind of bleak, even though 22 is and will be a crucial election year for changes impacting our personal freedoms.

-As funds become available, the PAC is planning to make additional contributions at the Federal and State levels including Michelle Fischbach (Seventh Congressional District), and Jim Schultz (State Attorney General).

- Time is very short. Chapters, Clubs and Groups, thru fundraisers, have been our best method of raising funds. Last year unfortunately was not a good year. If your Chapter has not, PLEASE step it up. I would like to think and hope every ABATE Chapter wants to actively support our efforts to provide a better way of life for bikers.

We can only do so through helping to protect our rights and passing positive legislation and policies affecting every rider.

- As always, the PAC will continue to strategically take advantage of relationship opportunities to take care of all bikers to the best extent possible. Don't just sit back and continue to watch your personal freedoms erode right out from under you. Rise up now, and support you PAC.

- EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

- Last, but definitely not least, PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE in the November 8 General Election. PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE CANDIDATES THAT SUPPORT OUR ISSUES, LEGISLATION, AND PERSONAL

FRREDOMS. EVERY VOTE COUNTS. If you don't know who is running in your area that aligns with us, give me a call at (621)839-1077 and if I can't tell you right away, I will find out and get back to you.

Mark Senn Motorcycle PAC of MN

Respectfully submitted by Dale Morin

**Motions passed at the Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

Motion to accept the minutes as written
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